

TREATY WITH DELAWARE INDIANS.

LETTER

FROM

THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR

IN ANSWER TO

A resolution of the House of 17th instant, in reference to report of the Special Commission detailing the proceedings of the negotiation of the treaty with the Delaware tribe of Indians.

JANUARY 25, 1870.—Referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs and ordered to be printed.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
Washington, D. C., January 22, 1870.

SIR: I acknowledge the receipt of a resolution of the House of Representatives of the 17th instant, in the following words, viz: "That the Secretary of the Interior be directed to transmit to this house a copy of the report of the Special Commissioner, W. H. Watson, of the Indian Office, of July, 1866, detailing the proceedings of the negotiation of the treaty with the Delaware tribe of Indians, concluded July 4th, of that year," and have the honor to reply that by a copy of letter from the Indian Bureau, dated the 18th July, 1866, herewith transmitted, it appears that the report of Mr. Watson was then inclosed to this department with the Delaware treaty referred to, but there is no record evidence showing what disposition was made of said report, and a thorough examination of the records and files of this office affords no information on the subject.

A copy of the letter of the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, dated the 21st instant, to whom the resolution was referred, is also herewith transmitted.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

J. D. COX,
Secretary.

Hon. JAMES G. BLAINE,
Speaker House of Representatives.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,
Washington, D. C., January 21, 1870.

SIR: I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt, by reference from you, of a resolution of the House of Representatives, dated the 17th

instant, as follows, viz: "*Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Interior be directed to transmit to this House a copy of the report of the Special Commissioner, W. H. Watson, of the Indian Office, of July, 1866, detailing the proceedings of the negotiation of the treaty with the Delaware tribe of Indians, concluded July 4th, of that year," in regard to which you direct a report from this office.

I would respectfully state that the register of letters received shows that a letter from W. H. Watson, dated Leavenworth, Kansas, July 4, 1866, was received at this office July 9, 1866, and was sent to the Secretary of the Interior with report July 18, 1866. The brief of this letter, as registered, is as follows, viz:

"Reports conclusion of treaty with Delaware Indians, July 4, 1866, and forwarding same on 5th by express."

I inclose herewith a copy of the report from this office to the department of July 18, 1866, in which you will observe it is stated that the report of Mr. W. H. Watson, who was detailed from this office to negotiate the treaty referred to, in connection with the superintendent and agent, was transmitted therewith. I am, therefore, unable to furnish a copy, none having been retained in this office.

The resolution is herewith returned.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

E. S. PARKER,
Commissioner.

Hon. J. D. Cox,
Secretary of the Interior.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
Office of Indian Affairs, July 18, 1866.

SIR: I have the honor to transmit herewith a treaty concluded on the 4th instant with the Delaware tribe of Indians, and also report of Mr. W. H. Watson, who was detailed from this office to negotiate with that tribe, in connection with the superintendent of Indian affairs and the agent.

This treaty was forwarded from Leavenworth on the 5th instant by express, but has been delayed on the way, only arriving this morning, and, as it is near the close of the present session of Congress, I would respectfully recommend, if it meet your approval, that it be forwarded to the President, to be transmitted by him to the Senate at as early a day as practicable.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

D. N. COOLEY,
Commissioner.

Hon. JAMES HARLAN,
Secretary of Interior.